

CITY OF LA VERNE

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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Monday, May 03, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.

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Tonight's Council Meeting will again be closed to the public in compliance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 Virus. However, the City encourages public participation and as such wants to make residents aware of the following opportunities on how to participate:

- 1) View the meeting through the City's website at www.cityoflaverne.org and click on the green "Council Meeting Live Stream" button.
- 2) Individuals can email their comments to the Assistant City Clerk at cityclerk@cityoflaverne.org up to noon on the day of the meeting. Those comments will be shared with City Council in advance of the City Council meeting and included as part of the permanent record. **Please be advised that public comments submitted by emails or any other format to the City are public records that will be made available for public viewing.**
- 3) Individual who wish to share their comments directly during the meeting may do so by emailing the Assistant City Clerk at cityclerk@cityoflaverne.org with their phone number and the item(s) they wish to speak on. Requests will be accepted before and throughout the meeting and staff will call you back at the appropriate time. Once items are considered by the City Council, no further public comment on that matter will be accepted. A time limit of 3-minutes is set for all public comments.
- 4) If you wish to participate via Zoom, you will need to register at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GKIF7zPwSAOhT2Lb9NX05A before 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 3, 2021, and please be aware that space is limited. You will have the ability to watch the meeting in real time and raise your hand to request to comment as appropriate on the current agenda item(s). Once it is your turn to speak, you will be brought into the meeting and have the ability to turn your video on when called upon.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL:** Council Member Lau, Council Member Crosby, Council Member Carder, Mayor Pro Tem Davis and Mayor Hepburn.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS** (Any person who wishes to make a brief announcement of a future community event that is open to the general public may do so at this time)
5. **CONSENT CALENDAR** (All items on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion unless a member of the City Council or member of the audience requests separate discussion.)
 - a. **City Council Minutes of April 19, 2021, to be received and filed.**
 - b. **Register of Audited Demands** in the amount \$1,523,216.45 dated April 8, 2021; and in the amount of \$1,003,524.16 dated April 15, 2021, ***approval recommended by Interim Finance Director Alvarado.***
 - c. **Ordinance (s) Second Reading, Staff recommends approval of the following:**

Ordinance No. 1099 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, CHANGING THE ZONE DESIGNATION FROM "PR3D" TO "SPECIFIC PLAN" AND ADOPTING THE "AMHERST SPECIFIC PLAN" FOR THE SITE LOCATED AT 2820 AMHERST STREET (8666-021-902) AND A PORTION OF THE ADJACENT PARCEL, 8666-021-904 IN THE CITY OF LA VERNE.
- Amherst Housing Development, 2820 Amherst Street - Request to Construct 42 Detached Single-Family Homes - The applicant, Matt Waken with MJW Investments, LLC, is proposing to develop 42 single-family homes at 2820 Amherst Street (8666-021-902) and a portion of the adjacent parcel, 8666-021-904, both City owned properties. The properties are currently zoned PR3D and are designated Low Density Residential in the General Plan. Staff and the Development Review Committee (DRC) recommend approval of the Amherst Housing Development Project.

Community Development Director Scherer recommended approval of Ordinance No. 1099, changing the zone designation and adopting the "Amherst Specific Plan" for the Amherst Housing Development Project.

6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a. **2021-22 Paramedic Service Fee** - The City's voter approved Paramedic Service Fee requires an annual hearing in order to consider a rate change. The monthly fee is subject to an annual adjustment for a rate change based on the Consumer Price Index.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The City Council should adjust the monthly paramedic service fee from \$5.54 to \$5.58 by adopting Resolution No. 21-22.

- b. **Proposed Short-Term Rental Ordinance** - The City Council held a Short-Term Rental (STR) Study Session on December 20, 2020, to discuss the draft ordinance. In January of 2020, the City Council adopted a moratorium on short-term rentals (less than 30 days) based on concerns raised at various locations within the City. After several extensions, the moratorium is set to expire on August 17, 2021. Staff has drafted an ordinance to regulate short-term rentals based on the input that City Council and the Planning Commission provided. Staff and the Planning Commission recommend that the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 1098, approving new regulations for short-term rentals.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The City Council should approve, waive further reading and place on first reading Ordinance No. 1098, approving new regulations for short-term rentals, as follows:

Ordinance No. 1098 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE LA VERNE MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 18.94 TO REGULATE THE RENTAL OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY ON A SHORT- TERM BASIS AND AMENDING RELATED PROVISIONS.

7. **OTHER MATTERS**

Temporary Employment Agreement - Resolution No. 21-23 - Interim Fire Chief David Segura has provided notification he will be leaving his position effective as soon as possible. After conducting a search of qualified replacements, Lawrence Waterhouse has been selected to serve as Interim Fire Chief while the City concludes recruitment for a permanent replacement. In order to be compliant with the 2013 Pension Reform Act, it is necessary for the City Council to take an action affirming the execution of such employment arrangements. The resolution and agreement satisfies that requirement.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The City Council should approve Resolution No, 21-23, authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Lawrence Waterhouse to provide temporary, part-time employment.

Resolution No. 21-23 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH "RETIRED ANNUITANT" LAWRENCE WATERHOUSE FOR INTERIM FIRE CHIEF SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** - This is the time set aside for anyone wishing to address the City Council on items not listed in any other place on the agenda. Under the provisions of the Brown Act, the legislative body is prohibited from talking or engaging in discussion on any item not appearing on the posted agenda. However, your concerns may be referred to staff or set for discussion at a later date. Please email your public comment to the Assistant City Clerk at cityclerk@cityoflaverne.org. Your public comment will be shared with the City Council and included as part of the permanent record. If you wish to speak, email your phone number and staff will call you back. There is a 3-minute time limit on public comments.

9. **COUNCIL COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS** - Each Council Member may address the Council and public on matters of general information and/or concern. This is also the time for Council Members to report on conferences and/or meetings they have attended.

10. **CLOSED SESSION:**

**The City Council will meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 for the following:
Conference with Labor Negotiator**

Negotiators: City Manager, Assistant to the City Manager, Senior Management Analyst, and City Attorney.

Employee Organization(s): La Verne City Employees Association, La Verne Police Officers' Association, La Verne Firefighters' Association, La Verne Police Middle Management Association and all unrepresented employees.

11. **ADJOURNMENT in memory of Jefferson Hill Sr, a long-time La Verne resident who passed away on Friday, April 16, 2021.** Mr. Hill was born on May 19, 1935, in Lake City, Tennessee. In 2003, Mr. Hill established the La Verne/San Dimas Meals on Wheels Program when he saw an unmet need for this service in both cities. The program started with seven recipients, and today serves over 50 meals daily. He served in the Air Force for twenty-two (22) years as a Senior Master Sergeant during both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He was a lifetime member of the VFW and is a past post-commander. He was instrumental in the campaign to construct the La Verne Veterans Memorial. In 2015, he was recognized by Assembly Member Holden for his years of services to his Country serving in the Air Force and the community. He was named Veteran of the Year for the 41st Assembly District. He worked for Northrop as an aerospace engineer, earned a Masters in Psychology and went on to teach at several colleges. In 2015, he received the 50th Annual Older American Recognition Day Award. For his service to the community and commitment to the Veterans, he was honored as a Community Hero at the Los Angeles County Fair in 2015. His biggest passion was helping his fellow Veterans. He is survived by his wife Helen, his sons Jefferson Jr, Charles and daughter Evelyn.

and

Adjournment to Monday, May 17, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. for a Preliminary Budget Study Session.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING of the La Verne City Council
is scheduled for Monday, May 17, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.**

**The La Verne City Council thanks the residents
for taking all precautions to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 Virus.**

ADVISORY STAFF

____ Robert Russi, City Manager
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____ Robert Kress, City Attorney
____ Lupe Gaeta Estrella, Assistant City Clerk
____ Shawn Igoe, Public Works Director
____ Eric Scherer, Director of Community Development
____ Mark Alvarado, Interim Finance Director
____ Nick Paz, Police Chief
____ David Segura, Interim Fire Chief
____ Yvonne Duran, Community Services Manager
____ Cody Howing, Deputy City Engineer
____ Bill Elftman, Information Services Manager

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